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SUBJECT: Revitalizing Base Closure Communities and Community Assistance

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- References: (a) The President's Five-Part Plan, "A Program to Revitalize Base Closure Communities," July 2, 1993
- (b) Title XXIX of Public Law 103-160, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994," November 30, 1993
 - (c) Public Law 103-421, "The Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994," October 25, 1994
 - (d) Assistant Secretary of Defense for Economic Security Memorandum, "Revitalizing Base Closure Communities," June 15, 1995
 - (e) through (g), see enclosure 1

A. PURPOSE

This Directive:

1. Establishes policy and assigns responsibilities under reference (a) to speed the economic recovery of communities where military bases are slated to close.
2. Implements references (b) and (c).
3. Supersedes reference (d).
4. Continues to authorize the publication of DoD 4165.66-M, "Base Reuse Implementation Manual," in accordance with reference (e).

B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Directive:

1. Applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Unified Combatant Commands, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").
2. Does not create any rights or remedies and may not be relied upon by any person, organization, or other entity to allege a denial of any rights or remedies other than those provided by references (b) and (c).

C. DEFINITIONS

1. Closure. All missions of the installation have ceased or have been relocated. All personnel positions (military, civilian, and contractor) have either been eliminated or relocated, except for personnel required for caretaking, conducting any ongoing environmental cleanup and disposal of the base, or personnel remaining in authorized enclaves.

2. Realignment. Any action that both reduces and relocates functions and DoD civilian personnel positions, but does not include a reduction in force resulting from workload adjustments, reduced personnel or funding levels, skill imbalances, or other similar cause. A realignment may terminate the DoD requirement for the land and facilities on part of an installation. That part of the installation shall be treated as "closed" for purposes of this Directive.

D. POLICY

It is DoD policy to help communities impacted by base closures and realignments achieve rapid economic recovery through effective reuse of the assets of closing bases -- more quickly, more effectively, and in ways based on local market conditions and locally developed reuse plans. This will be accomplished by quickly ensuring that communities and the Military Departments communicate effectively and work together to accomplish mutual goals of quick property disposal and rapid job generation.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology shall issue DoD Instructions, as necessary, to further implement applicable public laws effecting base closure implementation, and shall monitor compliance with this Directive. All authorities of the Secretary of Defense in Pub. L. 103-421 (reference (c)); Pub. L. 103-160, Title XXIX (reference (b)); Pub. L. 101-510, Section 2905 (reference (f)); and Pub. L. 100-526, Section 204 (reference (g)) are hereby delegated to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Economic Security and may be delegated further.

2. The Heads of the DoD Components shall advise their personnel with responsibilities related to base closures of the policies in this Directive.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately and is mandatory for use by all the DoD Components. This Directive shall not be supplemented by the DoD Components without the approval of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Economic Security.



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Deputy Secretary of Defense

Enclosure
References

REFERENCES, continued

- (e) DoD 5025.1-M, "DoD Directives System Procedures," August 1994, authorized by DoD Directive 5025.1, June 24, 1994
- (f) Public Law 101-510, "The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990," November 5, 1990
- (g) Public Law 100-526, "The Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1988," October 24, 1988